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SUBJECT: DEMARCHE ON CSW WOMEN'S ECONOMIC ADVANCEMENT:

AUSTRIAN RESPONSE

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¶11. (U) This message is sensitive but unclassified.

¶12. (U) Embassy Vienna conveyed reftel points and the draft resolution to the Austrian MFA Human Rights Bureau on February 23. EconPolOff followed up on February 25 with Eva Koegler, MFA Director for International Women's Issues, who will represent Austria at the ten-year review meeting in New York. Koegler said she did not find the draft resolution controversial and thought it likely that Austria will support it. She anticipates, however, that other delegations will propose a number of amendments.

¶13. (SBU) Koegler said that more detailed discussion of the strengths and weaknesses would have to wait until EU missions discuss the draft in New York. She thought that parts of the resolution were too general, however. Citing OP2 as an example, she argued that far more specific language should replace the phrase "clear property and inheritance rights."

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